



Amherst Medical Reserve Corps
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October 2005 Amherst MRC Updates

NEWS:

- **Welcome!**

We have several new MRC applicants. Welcome to Ellie Vanetzian; RN, Bob Fitzpatrick, MD; and Barbara Corrigan, RN.

- **Amherst MRC is now on the web! (*Hint: Tell your friends and colleagues about the MRC!*)**

Please check out our new webpage at:

http://www.amherstma.gov/departments/Health/medical_reserve_corps.asp

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- **November 19 Flu Clinic/MRC Emergency Dispensing Site Drill/Senior Health Fair**

The event will be held at the Amherst Regional Middle School. Trained MRC volunteers please arrive promptly by 7am for Orientation/Just in Time Training. Syringe prefilling and set up will begin at 7:15. The Flu Clinic and Health Fair will run from 8-11am. Julie will arrive at 6:30am and welcomes any early help. Please park at the east end of the building (the end closest to Chestnut Street. Enter through the entrance closest to the Superintendent's office. (Building tour will take place at this evening's training.)

- **Just in from the Cape Cod MRC on October 17, 2005 regarding the Clinic at Otis AFB**

"Hello MRC's - If any of your credentialed members are interested, DPH has asked that we schedule another week of volunteers. It doesn't seem likely that they will be able to move all the guests by Friday. Remember, they may be asked to stand down." Contact Kate ASAP for more info. (*I will be heading out there for Thursday 10/20- Friday 10/21 and will be unavailable.*)

- **Upcoming Training Opportunities:**

Overview of Submission and Testing of Samples Associated with a Biological/Chemical Threat

Local Public Health and the Law: Preparing for the Likely Prepares us for the Unlikely 9:30am-4:00pm November 21 at Worcester DCU. **Contact Kate if interested so that we can register as a group.**

Introduction to Animals in Disasters 9am-4pm October 26 at UMass Mullins Center. **Ask Kate for a registration form.**

- **Need CPR Instructors for the Public Access Defib Project...and maybe Schools!**

Please let Kate or Josh know if you are interested in becoming a CPR instructor. The Public Access Defib project continues...and we are getting closer and closer to our goal of raising \$2500 to put Automated External Defibrillators in the Bangs Community Center and Town Hall. We will need more instructors in order to train community members. In addition we have had a request for a collaboration with programs at the High School that would like to train students in CPR. *As always, if you have suggestions about organizations to send donation request letters to, please email Kate.*

- **Amherst MRC Leadership Roles Interviews Ongoing**

The Amherst MRC staff have started conducting interviews for an MRC Leadership Board. The roles will involve leadership within both the organization/structure of the Amherst MRC and leadership in actual operations and within the incident command system. The board will work together as a team to solidify the sustainability of our MRC organization. Specific individuals may take on areas of focus including (but not limited to): recruitment, sustainability, medical operations, community liaison, public health outreach, and MRC training. The Leadership Board will meet once per month in addition to the regular MRC training. **If you are interested please talk to or send an email to Kate, Julie, or Josh.**

Information for New Members:

- **MRC ID Badges**

New members or anyone who has not had an ID badge photo taken: Please call or email Theresa Laizer at Amherst College Dining Services to set up an appointment. 413-542-5820 talaizer@amherst.edu Theresa will NOT take photos for anyone whose credentials and application I have not cleared. Please make sure your application is complete before making this appointment.

- **HHAN Training**

New members or anyone who has not had HHAN training: Please arrange with Kate to borrow a training CD. (New members please chat with Kate or Josh to learn more about what the HHAN is and how our MRC uses it.)

National Incident Management System Online Training

For anyone who was not present for the May NIMS training, please complete the IS-700 training module online at <http://training.fema.gov/> Scroll down to "New Courses." Warning: it's dry...but it's the standard that is being pushed across the country in emergency response groups and we need to comply.

UPCOMING MRC MEETINGS & TRAININGS:

Monday, November 14, 2005 6:30pm @ Amherst High School Auditorium

Weather Emergencies lecture by Glenn Field of NOAA

Note: All community members are welcome at this fun lecture! Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Saturday, November 19, 2005 7am-12pm @ Amherst Regional Middle School

Flu Clinic/ Emergency Dispensing Site Exercise/Senior Health Fair

Monday, December 12, 2005 6:30pm @ Bangs Community Center

Annual MRC Winter Potluck

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